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Re: United States Patent Application No. 10/045,662  
Docket No: ELECP006C1  
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**MESSAGE:**

Attached are:

1. Petition for Revival of An Application for Patent Abandoned Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b) (2 pages)
2. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (2 pages); and
3. Amendment B (5 pages)

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Application No.:	10/045,662	Art Unit:	2671
Filed:	October 18, 2001	Docket No.:	ELECP006C1
Title:	SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR GENERATING AN ANIMATABLE CHARACTER		

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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT  
ABANDONED UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**

Attention: Office of Petitions  
Mail Stop Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
P. O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 24, 2004, Applicant mailed Amendment B on April 27, 2004 which was received by the USPTO on May 3, 2004.

No Advisory Action or other communication has been received by the Applicant from the USPTO after the submission of the Amendment B. The date of abandonment therefore is the day after the expiration date of the period set for reply in the Final Office Action (August 24, 2004).

**APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION**

## 1. Petition Fee

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## 2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of a Request for Continued Examination

has been filed.  
 is enclosed herewith.

B. The issue fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

has been paid previously on \_\_\_\_\_.  
 is enclosed herewith.

## 3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20 (d)) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith.

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.

Enclosures:  Fee Payment

Request for Continued Examination with Amendment B attached thereto.  
 Terminal Disclaimer Form  
 Additional sheets containing statements establishing unintentional delay.  
 Other: Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73 (b), and copies of assignments.

Respectfully submitted,



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**AMENDMENT B filed with REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 24, 2004. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Application Serial No. 10/045,662  
Attorney Docket No. ELECP006C1

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IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-38. (cancelled)

39. (Currently amended) A method for generating a character in a computer system comprising:

constructing a skeleton of a predetermined object;

superimposing the skeleton with a digital image wherein the digital image includes the predetermined object; and

preparing the digital image~~The method of claim 32, wherein preparing the digital image includes background subtraction.~~

40. (Currently amended) A method for generating a character in a computer system comprising:

constructing a skeleton of a predetermined object;

superimposing the skeleton with a digital image wherein the digital image includes the predetermined object; and

preparing the digital image~~The method of claim 32, wherein preparing the digital image includes background subtraction by manually extracting the predetermined object.~~

41. (Currently amended) A method for generating a character in a computer system comprising:

constructing a skeleton of a predetermined object;

superimposing the skeleton with a digital image wherein the digital image includes the predetermined object; and

preparing the digital image~~The method of claim 32, wherein preparing the digital image includes performing background subtraction using a parameter of the skeleton.~~

42. (Currently amended) A method for generating a character in a computer system comprising:

constructing a skeleton of a predetermined object;  
superimposing the skeleton with a digital image wherein the digital image includes the predetermined object; and  
preparing the digital image ~~The method of claim 32, wherein preparing the digital image includes capturing a real time image of the predetermined object.~~

43. (Currently amended) A method for generating a character in a computer system comprising:

constructing a skeleton of a predetermined object;  
superimposing the skeleton with a digital image wherein the digital image includes the predetermined object;  
preparing the digital image; and  
~~The method of claim 32, further comprising determining a topology of the skeleton.~~

44. (Currently amended) A method for generating a character in a computer system comprising:

constructing a skeleton of a predetermined object;  
superimposing the skeleton with a digital image wherein the digital image includes the predetermined object;  
preparing the digital image; and  
~~The method of claim 32, further comprising determining where a motion will occur.~~

45. (Currently amended) A method for generating a character in a computer system comprising:

constructing a skeleton of a predetermined object;  
superimposing the skeleton with a digital image wherein the digital image includes the predetermined object; and  
preparing the digital image ~~The method of claim 32, wherein the personalized character can be animated.~~

46-52. (cancelled)

53. (Previously presented) A method for compressing video data comprising: developing an initial representation from an initial image of a known object; comparing a current image of said known object with said initial representation; developing a description of a position change of said known object between said current image and said initial representation; and transmitting data associated with the position change to animate said known object.

54. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 53 wherein said initial representation is a skeleton representation.

55. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 53 wherein said description includes a description at least one of a rod and a joint position.

56. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 53 wherein said description includes a description of at least one of a rod and a joint position is a relative position.

57. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 53 wherein said description includes a description of at least one of a rod and a joint position is an absolute position.

58. (Previously presented) A method as recited in claim 53 wherein said description is transmitted over a network.

REMARKS

Claims 32-38 and 46-52 have been cancelled. Claims 53-58 have been allowed by the Examiner. Claims 39-45 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention and to place the application in condition for allowance. Claims 39-45 and 53-58 remain pending.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 39-45 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 39-45 have been amended to include all of the limitations of independent claim 32, from which claims 39-45 depend directly. It is therefore believed that amended claims 39-45 are allowable.

Entry of the above amendments and allowance of all remaining pending claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

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